

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

20. (Currently Amended) A method of providing moving aerated drinking water to pets comprising the steps of,
- providing a tank having a downwardly sloping external surface with a duct extending upwardly through the interior of the tank,
 - providing a trough below the top of the tank and a water chamber in communication with the trough,
 - providing a pump for pumping water from the chamber through the duct onto the tank external surface enabling pets to lap water flow on said surface,
 - providing water in the tank,
 - and discharging water from the tank into the chamber when water in the chamber falls below a pre-established level.
22. (Currently Amended) A pet drinking fountain comprising,
- a base, a well in the base for collecting water,
 - a water tank on the base providing a reservoir of water for the fountain, said tank having a dome shaped top and a detachable bottom cover,
 - a passage in the bottom cover providing communication between the interior of the tank and the well and a valve associated with the passage for closing it, the interior of the tank being closed to the ambient pressure when the water in the well closes the passage,
 - an actuator in the base causing the valve to remain open when the tank is placed on the base, said valve allowing ambient pressure to enter the tank when the water falls below a prescribed level to open the passage thereby causing water in the tank to flow into the well until the water closes the passage,
 - a duct extending through the tank from the well to the upper external surface of the dome and a pump for directing water in the well upwardly through the duct causing the water to spill onto the dome surface from which pets can lap water flowing down the dome surface,

a channel disposed adjacent the lower portion of the dome for collecting water that flows down the surface of the dome,

a water dish disposed adjacent the channel into which the channel directs water it collects from the surface of the dome, said dish providing a source of drinking water for pets,

and second passage connecting the dish to the well enabling water to flow into the well when the water in the dish exceeds a prescribed height.

24. A water reservoir for a pet drinking fountain comprising,
a dome-shaped top open at the bottom and a bottom cover detachably secured to the top and together forming a closed chamber, said chamber being filled with water by removing the bottom cover and inverting the top,

a duct as an integral part of the top extending downwardly through an opening in the bottom cover,

a retainer operatively associated with the duct for detachably holding the top and bottom cover together,

at least one seal engaging both the top and bottom cover,

and an extractor for pushing the top and bottom cover apart to break the seal.

29. (New) The pet drinking fountain as defined in claim 22 wherein a retainer operatively associated with the dome and bottom cover for holding the two together,
and a seal engaging both the dome and bottom covers.

30. (New) The pet drinking fountain as defined in claim 29 wherein an extractor is operatively associated with the retainer for pushing the dome and cover apart to break the seal.

31. (New) The pet drinking fountain as defined in claim 29 wherein the retainer is attached to the duct and supports the bottom cover.

32. (New) The pet drinking fountain as defined in claim 31 wherein the retainer is threaded into the duct and moves axially with respect to the dome so as to be removable from the duct when the bottom cover is to be separated from the dome.

33. (New) The pet drinking fountain as defined in claim 32 wherein unscrewing the retainer from the duct forces the bottom cover away from the dome.

34. (New) The device as defined in claim 13 wherein a retainer maintains the dome and cover together.

35. (New) The device as defined in claim 34 wherein removal of the retainer separates the dome and cover.